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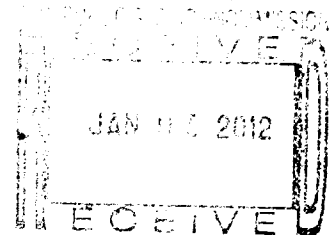
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Jocelyn D. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210



RE: Application of Q LINK WIRELESS LLC for Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier in the State of South Carolina

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed please find for filing the Application of Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of South Carolina. Also enclosed is a Motion for Protective Treatment seeking confidential treatment of the facilities schematic found in Exhibit 4 filed under seal. Copies of Exhibit 4 containing the confidential facilities schematic is being filed with the Public Service Commission by mail under seal and served with the Application and Motion for Protective Treatment upon the Office of Regulatory Staff under seal. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Service on the Office of Regulatory Staff.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott, P.A.

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Scott Elliott

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Enclosures

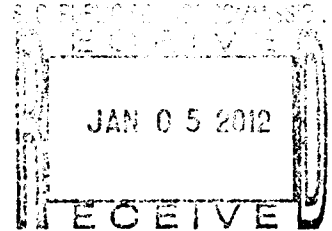
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**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Application of Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC
for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier in the State of South Carolina.



**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE TREATMENT
AND**

BASIS FOR FILING Exhibit 4

AS TRADE SECRET

Introduction

Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC ("Applicant"), by its attorneys and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 39-8-10, *et seq.*, and all other applicable rules, statutes and regulations, hereby files this Motion for Protective Treatment ("Motion") in the above-captioned proceeding. By this Motion, the Applicant seeks protective treatment by the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission"), of certain commercially-sensitive information concerning the Applicant's use of its own facilities as trade secrets. See *Exhibit 4* to the Application of Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within the State of South Carolina which is attached hereto and filed under seal. Because this Motion is an inseparable part of the Application, it is being filed concurrently therewith.

In support of this Motion, the Applicant provides the following:

1. The exact legal name, address and telephone number of the Applicant is:

Q LINK WIRELESS, LLC
499 Sheridan Street
Suite 300
Dania. FL 33004

2. Correspondence or communications regarding this Motion should be addressed to:

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I. Description of Confidential Information.

3. The Application requires the Applicant to disclose evidence that it will offer all of the services supported by universal service using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and the resale of another carrier's services. In conformity with this requirement, the Applicant submits a facilities schematic diagram reflecting its use of its own facilities. These documents contain highly confidential and strictly proprietary information, the public disclosure of which may result in direct, immediate and substantial harm to the competitive position of the Applicant in South Carolina and elsewhere.

II. Grounds for Claim of Confidentiality.

4. The facilities schematic diagram and its contents attached as *Exhibit 4* to the Application are not readily available to persons external to Applicant.

5. Because the facilities schematic diagram and its contents submitted by the Applicant in support of the Application contain confidential and commercially-sensitive information from which its competitors may derive economic value, the Applicant seeks to protect such material from public disclosure. The Applicant derives independent economic value from the fact that significant, detailed and proprietary information regarding its use of its own facilities is unknown to its competitors. As such, the detail and manner of the Company's use of its own facilities is a "trade secret" as that term is used in South Carolina Trade Secrets Act. *S.C. Code Section 39-8-20(5)*. Given this fact, the disclosure of this information could provide existing and potential competitors in South Carolina, as well as in other states in which the Applicant provides or intends to provide telecommunications service, with an unfair and undeserved competitive advantage.

6. The Applicant clarifies herein that its request for protection applies only to the document attached as *Exhibit 4* to the Application.

CONCLUSION

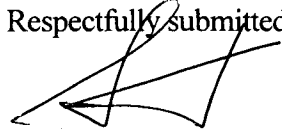
7. The information concerning Applicant's use of its own facilities included in support of the Applicant's Application, for which Confidential Treatment is sought, is both proprietary and competitively-sensitive. The substantial and direct harm that could be caused to the Applicant as a result of any disclosure is real and not speculative. For these reasons, the facilities schematic diagram and its contents attached as *Exhibit 4* to the Application should be protected from public disclosure by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests that the South Carolina Public Service Commission grant this Motion for Protective Treatment with respect to the facilities schematic diagram and its contents attached as *Exhibit 4* to the Application of Q

LINK WIRELESS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within the State of South Carolina is filed *under seal* as Confidential in this proceeding.

Dated this 30 day of January, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



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